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## Editorial

# New High School Won't Raise Your Taxes!

That sure is an inflammatory headline for an editorial. You don't believe it. Neither did we until we stopped talking and started to listen.

Next Monday the Town Meeting Members will have the opportunity to build an \$18.5 million high school at a net cost of zero to Arlington property taxpayers. This is an absolute fact, although there is more misinformation about it going around than could be printed in a full year's edition of The Advocate.

Arlington has this unusual opportunity to build a new high school at no increased cost because of a unique combination of circumstances. And it is doubtful that Arlington, or any other town, will ever have this opportunity again.

First, this year is the last year Arlington is eligible for 65 percent State Aid reimbursement. If we don't vote to pass the school on Monday, then we go back to 50 percent reimbursement.

Secondly, Town Treasurer John Bilafer has developed an unconventional financing schedule. Because the school will take three years to build, Bilafer plans to borrow the money in four steps, \$5 million initially and each of the next two years, then \$3.5 to \$4 million in the last year.

You don't have to be a financial wizard to figure out that by splitting up the borrowing, you also split up the paying back. If you borrowed, say \$19 million over 19 years, in the conventional municipal financing method, you would be paying interest on the entire \$19 million in the first year, although you only need about \$5 million to pay off your contractors in that year.

Normally, a town would borrow the entire \$19 million, pay the contractor \$5 million for the work completed that year, and put the

remaining \$14 million into certificates of deposit to collect interest. The problem with that approach is that in these days of high-cost borrowing, the interest differential collected on the \$14 million won't offset the tax rate burden of carrying the principal and interest payments on the entire \$19 million.

Under Bilafer's plan, you borrow \$5 million at a time, when you need it. The first \$5 million is paid off over the full 15 years. The second \$5 million over 15 years, the third over 15 years and the final \$4 million over 15 years, with the entire amount being paid over a 19 year period. On a net cost basis, and especially on a tax-rate-impact basis, it works far better than borrowing a lump sum of \$19 million at once, paid off over the full 19 years.

If interest rates come down over the next few years (and they have been moving down for the past four months) then you are even further ahead. You are not stuck with a full \$19 million bond at a high rate.

Now that isn't too hard to understand, but people get it all confused because they are so used to the traditional method of borrowing the entire lump sum at once.

The next step in understanding why it isn't going to cost you one dollar additional in taxes to build the new high school is an understanding of the town's current debt structure.

This year your tax rate already includes \$2.19 per thousand for paying off long term debt — prior school construction bonds for the most part. So consider that the starting point. Without the new high school, you are paying \$2.19 per thousand on your tax rate to pay off long term debt.

What will you be paying next year if the high school is approved? A lot of people refuse

to believe it, but you'll be paying exactly \$2.19 per thousand.

Why? It is because of that unusual combination of circumstances we mentioned at the outset. By borrowing only \$5 million under the Bilafer formula by qualifying for 65 percent state aid, and by the fact that part of the old outstanding school building debt is now in its final payoff year, the net tax rate impact of the new high school is \$0.00. That's right, ZERO.

"Okay, what about the following year, and the year after that?"

The following year, 1977, is even more incredible. The town's long range debt cost actually drops from \$2.19 per thousand to \$1.23, which is a tax rate savings of 96 cents per thousand.

"The Advocate's got to be kidding me. With all these people running around town saying the school will cause the tax rate to go through the roof, it can't possibly go DOWN by 96 cents."

Yes it can, and it does. The reason is that special combination of circumstances again. The state school building aid people don't get quite as fancy with their financing techniques as has Arlington Treasurer John Bilafer in cooperation with the Finance Committee, the Permanent Building Committee and the Selectmen.

The state just divides the total bond issue value — \$19 million, plus estimated interest, by the number of years, 19 in this case, and rebates the town its 65 percent in 19 equal payments. Under the Bilafer plan, the town won't have borrowed the full \$19 million until the fourth year, but from the first year on, it is collecting a full share of state reimbursement, estimated at about \$970,300 per year.

So in the second year, the town makes money.

"But this can't go on forever. Some time it all has to catch up with you. You can't build a school for nothing."

You are right. Arlington will have to pay its share of the school costs, but not in the form of an INCREASE in the tax rate over the life of the bond issue. During the 19 years, other older school building debt and miscellaneous bonded expenditures are being paid off as state aid for the school project comes in at a steady rate. The 1974-75 budget of \$2.19 per thousand for debt payoff actually DECREASES in 9 of the 19 years Arlington is paying off its share of the estimated \$19 million high school project.

At the end of the 19 years, a local homeowner with a house assessed for \$50,000 will actually pay \$69.50 LESS in property taxes if the school is built than he would have paid if the debt service budget had continued at its 1974-75 level of \$2.19 per thousand.

Of course it can be argued that the same person would have saved even more in taxes if the school hadn't been built at all, and that is true. But the point is that the TAX RATE IMPACT over the 19 years is \$0.00 — ZERO!

It is true that between 1978 and 1986 the debt payoff budget will exceed its current \$2.19 per thousand and a complete table showing the tax rate impact for a person with a \$50,000 house is shown on this page.

Showing the tax rate impact of the new school in relation to the current budget for debt payoff is the only way to understand what going ahead with the project means in terms of INCREASED TAXES. And it means very little — nothing in fact, if taken over the full 19 year life of the bond issues.

It is like the man who buys a new car every three years. He pays, for instance, \$92 a

month to the bank to drive a new Chevy. He pays \$92 when the car is brand new, and he pays \$92 on the 36th month when he trades for a new model.

He's locked in to about \$90 a month in payments forever if he wants to keep driving a relatively new car. It is built into his family budget. He could always walk and save the \$90, but each person has to decide what is best for himself and his family.

So it is with the town's long term debt reduction budget and the high school project. Are we going to continue at \$2.19 more or less for the next 19 years or are we going to walk?

The alternative to building this school project at this time, when the circumstances bring about the least possible tax rate impact, is almost as difficult to comprehend as the school financing formula.

But not quite. The alternative can't be classified as anything but a devastating blow to the town's future. If Arlington rejects this school project it will be taking a giant step East — toward Somerville and Cambridge.

Ask any Realtor what difference a quality school system makes in property values. Ask any college admissions officer what it means to those seeking to further their education. Better still, ask any recent high school graduate from the inner city what it means to be looking for a job when your only training has been in an outmoded school with inadequate facilities.

The school facility updating program has been under study since the Booz-Allen Hamilton consulting firm laid out a master plan for Arlington in 1969. That plan has been modified several times and partially implemented with the construction and reconstruction at the two junior high schools. Next Monday Arlington can either take the

final step in modernizing its school system to match the level of its neighbors in Lexington, Belmont, Winchester and Medford, or it can ignore not only its youth, but its own self-image and its own future.

In view of the zero tax rate impact over the bonding period, the question is simply reduced to whether or not Arlington will fulfill its municipal responsibility to provide a first rate school system or settle for less. But one thing should be clear. A conscious decision to have a second-rate school system is a decision to have a second-rate community.

When a town gets that kind of reputation — poor school facilities and resulting out-of-date educational programs — putting a soft-boiled Humpty-Dumpty back together again is a far easier task than shoring up property values and attracting new business.

There is a serious effort underway to defeat this school project "because it will cost too much." That argument is being advanced by people who either refuse to take the time to understand the financing procedure or who, for other reasons, see advantages in killing the project.

Building the new high school facility on Monday won't cost you one additional dollar in taxes over the full 19 years of the bond issue. The ultimate costs in lost educational opportunity and declining property values cannot be estimated in terms of dollars and cents should the school not be built.

The decision is in the hands of the town meeting members. They are entrusted with the future of your children, your school system, your community.

## Five School Articles

# Special Meeting Monday Night

Town Meeting members will act on ten articles, Monday night at 8 p.m. at town hall at a Special Town Meeting.

The special meeting was called originally in connection with five articles relative to Arlington High School.

There are two other articles in connection with the Robbins Library; another in connection with Martin Luther King Day and still another relative to group health insurance.

Article one is the general article at all town meetings relative to hearing and acting

on the reports of the Finance and other committees.

The first school article asks the appropriation of money to be expended under the direction of the Permanent Town Building Committee for the purpose of erecting an addition or additions to the Arlington High School and to provide for other alterations and improvement to and remodeling, modernization and reconstruction of the high school, including the cost of furnishing equipment and lighting for the addition and

other facilities for both the present building and the proposed addition in order to provide for a capacity of approximately 2600 students.

Article 3 asks if the Town will vote to authorize and direct the Selectmen to sell, convey or to otherwise dispose of land on Grove St. to the Boston Gas Company.

The fourth article asks if the Town will vote to amend the zoning by-law by removing a parcel of land from Moratorium District 1 and the restrictions relating to the moratorium district as established under Articles 57 and 58 of the 1973 Town Meeting.

The fifth article asks if the Town will lease to the Boston Gas Company all or any portion of the land described for nominal consideration, subject to the benefit of such rights and with such other provisions as the Selectmen may approve, to enable the Company to use the leased land until it can construct alternate facilities and then demolish the gas holder and other structures on the land.

The sixth article in the warrant and the fifth of those pertaining to Arlington High School, asks if the Town will acquire by purchase, eminent domain or otherwise for school purposes, a section of land generally in the rear of the present high school in connection with the proposed construction program.

Article 7 asks if the Town will vote, in addition to the payment of fifty percent of a premium for contributory group health insurance for retired employees retired from

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## 3rd In Series

# High School Project -- The Costs

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The following questions and answers concerning the high school project coming up at Monday's Special Town Meeting are based on interviews with Robert McLaughlin, chairman of the Permanent Building Committee; John Bilafer, Town Treasurer; and William Gibbs, Superintendent of Schools. This article is the third in a series by The Advocate focusing on the academic, and community needs in connection with the project, and now the costs.

**What is the total cost of the school project?**  
The Permanent Building Committee estimate is \$18,549,569 gross, or a net of \$6,646,349 to the town with 65 percent state aid if the program passes before the state aid formula changes July 1. This cost includes construction, renovation, site work, fixed equipment, a three-year escalation estimate and an \$800,000 contingency figure.

**What are the costs of the separate parts of the project?**

The academic building is \$6,665,358 (net \$2,333,875). Renovations to B and Downes buildings, \$2,279,004 (net \$797,651). Field house with six teaching stations, \$2,828,000. Swimming pool, \$1,089,300. Rink and tennis

court building, \$1,379,000. Total estimated cost for the recreation facilities is \$5,297,000 (net cost to town of \$1,854,111). The state will pay 65 percent of these costs.

**What is the construction schedule?**  
The academic building would be started in March and be ready in January, 1976 at a construction cost of \$39.40 a square foot for new space. Renovation, at \$11.56 a square foot, would continue for a longer period during nonschool hours.

To avoid double sessions Building A will be torn down when the new building is completed.

The pool-field house complex will start in March, 1977 and be ready in September, 1978. The rink will start in January, 1976, and be ready the next January.

**How will the bonding be handled?**

Bilafer, who needs approval of the Selectmen, proposes to spread the bonding over four years in amounts of \$5 million for three years and \$4 million the last year to minimize the impact on the tax rate in these early years. There will be no impact on the tax rate for the first year over this year's debt budget.

## Tax Costs Of New High School For \$50,000 Home

Year	Tax Rate Impact For Debt Payoff Budget	+ or - Amount Over Present \$2.19 Debt Pay-off Budget	Cost to a \$50,000 Homeowner in relation to what he's paying in 1974 for debt payoff
1976	\$2.19	\$ 0	\$ 0
1977	1.23	(-.96)	(-48.00)
1978	2.60	.41	20.50
1979	4.13	1.94	82.00
1980	4.84	2.65	132.50
1981	4.52	2.33	116.50
1982	4.15	1.96	98.00
1983	3.83	1.64	82.00
1984	3.51	1.32	66.00
1985	2.70	.51	25.50
1986	2.48	.29	14.50
1987	2.11	(-.08)	(-4.00)
1988	1.76	(-.43)	(-21.50)
1989	1.37	(-.82)	(-41.00)
1990	1.18	(-1.01)	(-50.50)
1991	.98	(-1.21)	(-60.50)
1992	(-.05)	(-2.24)	(-112.00)
1993	(-1.04)	(-3.23)	(-161.50)
1994	(-1.97)	(-4.16)	(-208.00)

(Minus figures shown in ( ) in Bold)

See Editorial Above For Explanation of Figures

## Many Cuts

# School Dept. Budgets Pared To 1% Increase

The Arlington Public School budget for the next fiscal year will be up \$213,230 over last year's budget for an increase of less than 1 percent.

The total budget, including raises to be negotiated with staff, is \$12,536,770. Because of cuts in every aspect of the school program, from staff to programs, supplies and maintenance, the School Committee and administration have bucked the annual tradition of presenting a budget which exceeds the previous year's by at least 10 percent.

According to Supt. William T. Gibbs this \$12 million figure should be lessened by another \$63,611 in federal Public Law 874 money which is not subtracted from the budget total.

In addition to the school department budget being pared to the point of staff and program cuts, the total school budget will have less impact on the tax rate than it did last year, says Gibbs, because more is being returned to the town on the Cherry Sheet.

The school department will return over \$2 million to the town general fund in monies received from the state for Ch. 70 aid to education, occupational education and special education aid, school lunches, transportation and other programs, not counting the school construction state aid.

The final budget figure was arrived at last week by the School Committee which has spent several months with the administrators

in reviewing an already trimmed budget of \$13,260,652.

Reductions in the budget include the following: Reduction of one principal because of retirement, reduction of \$25,000 in in-service programs conducted by local staff, reduction of the \$29,180 Summer Institute program. Attempts will be made to run the summer performing arts and remedial reading programs on a self-sustaining basis, and seek federal funding of the summer learning disabilities program.

Also cut is funding for three student helpers in the school department. The in-state travel for teachers was reduced by \$1,000.

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## New Estimate On Tax Rate Lower By 66%

The estimated tax increase has been reduced by two-thirds in view of tight town department and school department budgets. Estimates of the tax increase, in the fall figured for as much as \$17.25, are now \$2.54. Last year the tax rate went up \$10.20. Previous tax increases prior to the 18-month budget period were for \$5 and \$3.60.

Finance Committee Chairman Robert O'Neill says receipts from the state are the variable which could make the local rate vary from \$2 - \$4.

He figures that the town will have to pay out \$32,300,000 and can expect \$6,600,000 in receipts. This income includes \$830,000 in revenue sharing, use of monies in the general fund to reduce the tax rate, motor vehicle excise taxes, and revenue from water taxes.

What can't be predicted is how great a difference there will be between what the town must pay out and what the town will take in. Last year the difference was only \$400,000. The greatest difference has been in the past five years was \$1.3 million. Depending on whether the figuring is done on the basis of \$400,000 or \$1.3 million, a difference of \$900,000, is about \$2 on the tax rate.

O'Neill says that what the state does will have the greatest impact on the tax rate. In his calculations he used the \$1.3 million figure. He says that because of the state deficit he would not expect more state revenue, but it is an unknown. Also unknown are other revenues which might come to the town through funding and investment programs.

O'Neill's estimate figures that warrant articles will account for \$1.5 million in expenditure at the annual town meeting.

Town Manager Donald Marquis, in coming up with his estimate, figures that the MBTA assessment will add about \$1 on the tax rate and county and MDC assessments another \$1. He says he agrees with O'Neill and that the actual rate will be determined by the amount of free cash applied.



Spy Pond

Trees cast reflections on the melting snow at Spy Pond.  
(Staff Photo by Wendy Maeda)



★ **Budget**

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Five thousand dollars is being budgeted to take care of providing books for private school students who may request them under a new state law.

The account for supplies and texts has been reduced by \$50,000. Seven thousand dollars has been cut from library cataloging and supplies.

Another \$21,000 has been cut from audio visual services, such as rental and repair of films and equipment, and supplies.

The budget for in-service programs by outside consultants has been reduced \$15,000. Monies for interscholastic athletic services and supplies has been reduced by \$1,157. The estimated budget amount for fuel was pushed back to last year's \$325,000.

There are also cuts in building maintenance, including one staff person. Thirty thousand dollars in projects were taken out of the budget, such as adding lighting circuits at Hardy, replacing Brackett floors and floor and stage work at Stratton.

The budget figure for new and replacement equipment is \$33,000 under last year's figure. Some \$25,000 was pared out of the budget for tuition in private schools of students with special needs. The out-of-state travel for the entire school department was cut from \$9,000 to \$2,500.

Some of the other reductions include eliminating the position of elementary health coordinator and reading consultant which are unfilled now; eliminate the junior high detention program and allowance for that; eliminate the Northeastern student aide at Otis.

Also eliminated are the half-salaries for two teachers on sabbatical. The driver education program will be made self-sustaining during the summer. The cost of assistant housemasters will be reduced as they take on an additional teaching load.

Three junior high teaching positions had been cut from the original budget, and another three positions were eliminated.

Also out of the budget are a secondary guidance counselor and a half-time learning disability consultant.

Six elementary positions will not be filled in view of shifting enrollment patterns, but two new positions will open.

Added because of Ch. 766 special needs legislation are a speech teacher, learning

disability teacher, two resource room teachers and learning disability tutors. Funds for these new positions were created by cutting comparable amounts from the pupil personnel budget for supplies and equipment.

Also added in the budget were a teacher of English as a second language, a special education teacher, and two part-time teachers for the partially sighted and hearing, and for home instruction for preschoolers, also under Ch. 766.

Other additions in the budget include \$9,000 more for utilities and \$17,000 for a new computer terminal program.

★ **Meeting**

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the service of the Town, and their dependents, to pay an additional rate of 25 percent for these retired employees.

The amendment would be retroactive to July 1, 1974.

Article 8 asks if the Town will amend Sub-Section G of Section 13 of Article 7C of the by-law by adding January 15 (Martin Luther King Day) in each year as a paid legal holiday. This amendment would be retroactive to January 1, 1975.

The Town is asked under Article 9 to appropriate a sum of money to be spent under the direction of the Town Manager for the purpose of correcting the heating problems of the basement room (Technical Services Department) of the Robbins Library.

Article 10 asks if the Town will vote to appropriate the total amount of State Aid to Public Libraries received in 1975 to the Trustees of the Robbins Library to use in improving and extending library services.

**Historical Society To Hear Of China From The Spenglers**

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth C. Spengler will describe their recent visit to the People's Republic of China at a meeting of the Arlington Historical Society to be held in Fellowship Hall of the Pleasant Street Congregational Church Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

President John L. Worden III will conduct the business meeting and program chairman John P. Harrison will introduce the program.

**In Police Case****Court Decision Is Expected Soon**

A final decision by the Middlesex Superior Court on whether or not Town Manager Donald Marquis has the power to reorganize the police and fire departments into the Department of Community Safety is expected soon.

Judge Joseph S. Mitchell Jr. heard arguments last week on a petition for a permanent injunction brought by Capt. Walter O'Leary and several other senior officers. Two requests before other judges for a preliminary injunction were denied.

In a related development this week Capt. O'Leary filed a 10 Registered Voter Article for the March Annual Town Meeting asking the town to accept Chapter 41, Section 97A of the General Laws regarding establishment of a police department in a town. The current court case is to decide whether or not the Town Manager Act of 1952 supersedes Section 97, which is similar to 97A.

If the court upholds the Town Manager Act in the current case, action on 97A at the town meeting would only serve to start another court case, according to Town Counsel Joseph Purcell.

At the trial last week, Capt. O'Leary was represented by Atty. John S. Miele assistant to Attorney Thomas August who represented him at the hearings on the preliminary injunctions.

The town manager was represented by Town Counsel Purcell and Assistant Town Counsel John Maher.

Atty. Miele argued that the town manager

has overstepped his authority in combining the police and fire departments into the Department of Community Safety. He said "Once a town accepts Section 97, it cannot be changed without subsequent action of the state legislature." Section 97 sets up a police department as a separate agency.

Town Counsel Purcell argued that the Town Manager Act—which is a special legislative act—does supersede Section 97. Judge Mitchell, referring to the Town Manager Act, said "Section 15b sure gives the Town Manager broad powers to reorganize," in his opinion.

He added that even if he were to agree that there had to be a police chief appointed under Section 97 he didn't see any requirement for police officers to be appointed under him. "Just to hold office isn't enough, I don't think he'd be happy just sitting there. If you take all his troops away from him, what is he — just a figurehead?" Judge Mitchell commented.

The judge said he felt it within the power of the Selectmen, if Section 97 controlled, to have a chief with nothing to do and have all the officers called Community Safety Officers reporting to the Community Safety Director.

Atty. Miele, whose petition to the court asked that expenditure of funds for the new department be stopped because they were, in his opinion illegal, said "If the Town Manager has exceeded his authority I think this whole reorganization should be overturned."

Judge Mitchell commented "I'd like to see

some authority for that novel argument I think that's going a way out. You can't say that the Town Manager (and the Director) can't be paid because he's doing something naughty."

He asked Miele, if he was going to press that point to come up with a schedule of how much pay he thought the Manager and the safety directors should have to return to the town. "You wouldn't want them to keep any illegal money, would you?" the judge said.

Town Counsel Purcell argued that the Selectmen have had no control over the police since the 1952 Town Manager Act was accepted by a referendum vote. "The main question here is whether or not the Manager Act supersedes a general law," Purcell said.

The Judge agreed, saying "This comes down to a very precise, neat question," and he asked for final briefs to be filed by Monday of this week.

In his town warrant article, Capt. O'Leary was joined by Capt. Henry Bradley, Lt. Arthur Guarente, Lt. Gerald Connors, Lt. Harold O'Leary, Lt. Francis Cook, Sgt. Frederick Cameron, Sgt. Bernard O'Quinn, and officers William Shea, Genovino Schavio and Paul O'Brien.

**TOWN OF****ARLINGTON NOTICE**

Special Town Meeting  
JANUARY 27, 1975

On **MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 1975**, Town Meeting Members are to meet in the Robbins Memorial Town Hall, Arlington, at 8:00 o'clock P.M., for the purpose of acting upon and determining exclusively the articles as set forth in the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting, in accordance with and subject to the referendum provided for by Chapter 43A of the General Laws.

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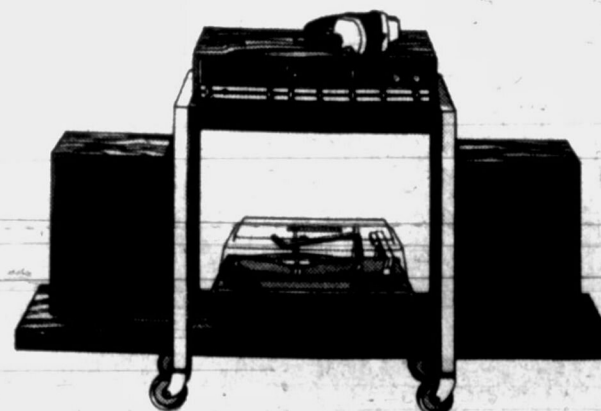
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## ★ AHS Project

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impact will go down because of the state aid. The most that the tax rate will increase because of bonding issues will be in 1980 when the impact on the tax rate for debt projects will be an increase of \$2.65. By 1987 the effect of the bond issues, as various ones get paid off, will be less than the current effect on the 1975 tax rate. By 1992 the town will be making money.

For nine of the 19 years of the life of the school bonds the impact is less than it is for all of the bonding projects the town is paying off now.

When will the impact of the school project hit taxpayers?

The full impact, because of the spreading of the bonding, will not come for five years. In that year, 1980, it will mean about 24¢ a week to the person who has property assessed at \$50,000. As the other bonds are paid off the overall impact of bonding on the tax rate declines.

What is the estimated tax increase for next year?

New estimates of the tax increase made this week on the basis of low town and school department budgets now show an increase of \$2 - \$4, depending on the amount of state revenue the town receives. The tax rate will not be affected this year or next year by the approval of the high school project.

To the tax collector what does the school project mean?

Bilafer says he sees an increasing and alarming trend of absentee home owners, a trend of people escaping from town. He says it is a good supposition that people looking for a town will look for a good school system and good school facilities.

Could the Treasurer earn money by investing the bond money?

Bilafer estimates conservatively that he could earn over \$1 million for the town. To date, on the junior high bonds, he has earned \$411,646. These funds go to the town general fund to be applied against the tax rate, not to the school department.

Will Arlington's building program put the town in a position of joining a metropolitan busing program?

Absolutely not, says Gibbs. The school project deals with Arlington kids and Arlington needs only.

The largest block of students coming along for the high school are in the upper elementary grades now. The school now has an enrollment of 2700 and is being designed for only 2800. It operates at 99 percent capacity now.

One unknown affecting enrollment is the futures of private and parochial schools. Also, several area towns which built new schools experienced a gain of hundreds of students who left private schools for the new facilities.

Why don't we put the high school project off for a while?

McLaughlin says the inflation rate is 1-1.5 percent a month. In two years building costs would be up 36 percent. On July 1 the state aid formula changes and Arlington will drop from 65 percent to at least 50 percent state aid.

What happens if the town does nothing?

Supt. Gibbs says Building A will need a new roof and new mechanical systems. There is a question if the building could ever meet safety requirements. If the physical plant could be upgraded, many needed facilities would still be lacking.

One requirement which the school could not handle is the special needs program required by Ch. 766. There are at least nine students who could not be accommodated at the high school. Tuitions range from \$4,000 for day students to over \$10,000 in residential

programs. The school department now budgets \$35,000 for tuitions and spends \$75,000 on the special needs busing program systemwide.

If the program does not pass a lot of money will have to be spent on capital expenditures and general maintenance programs which have been put off in anticipation of the school being renovated.

Why not just renovate Building A?

A Building alone will not satisfy the needs of the school which now operates at 99 percent occupancy.

Renovation would mean double sessions for at least two years. The building would have to be gutted at a cost of \$3 million. Bilafer estimates that this cost over a 10 year bond would amount to \$1.35 on the tax rate the first year, declining to 89¢ the 10th year. No state aid is given on a renovation project alone because this is considered maintenance.

Were building A to be renovated the high school would still need space to meet present program needs. To build a new academic building to provide this space would cost another \$3,362,000. To change plans about Building A would also mean redesign of current plans and would cost the town state aid lost when the formula changes July 1.

McLaughlin says for a difference of relatively few dollars the town would still have a 1914 building with all the space in the wrong place, not designed to accommodate current programs. It would also mean less effective use of athletic fields.

When will final costs be known?

Bids on the general contract will be opened tonight. Sub-contractor bids were opened last week and came in about \$420,000 less than had been estimated.

Open House will be held Saturday at the three high schools.

The A Building of Arlington High School will open at 10 a.m. for tours, with a program at 11 in the Old Hall explaining the school building program.

The two junior highs will be open for tours from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. All residents are invited to attend.

Why are project cost estimates more now than they were a year ago?

One major reason is inflation. There were also additional expenses in redesign after the site was reduced by four acres. Another expense was in planning for the 100-year flood as shown in hydrology studies and trying to keep Mill Brook open. More has been budgeted for renovation for occupational education and for site work, particularly retaining walls needed because of site restrictions.

How much money has been spent so far on the project?

In the fall of 1973 Town Meeting appropriated \$440,000 for working drawings and this has been spent. Another \$200,000 was spent to acquire three houses in front of the school and \$50,000 for a house near the gas tank. Another \$267,000 has been appropriated to acquire the gas tank site. The Monday special meeting will be presented an article for \$25,000 to acquire land to allow the brook to be kept open.

Can one or more of the recreation facilities be taken out of the plan?

To do this means that the scheme of providing the nine physical education stations required to meet state law would have to be redesigned and would not be able to be done by the July 1 change in state aid. Under present plans the freshman gym is being used as part of the Ch. 766 special needs program already approved by the state.

Why not build gyms with the required nine teaching stations?

This would cost \$4,148,000, according to McLaughlin. For a difference of \$1,100,000, or

6¢ on the tax rate after state aid, the town could acquire a variety of recreational space for the whole town. It has been estimated that if the town built nine gym stations and lost 15 percent state aid when the formula changes July 1, the town would save only \$17.70 by getting the gyms.

Can money be earned by these recreational facilities?

The town would have to settle on a policy which could range from complete free use of the facilities by everyone to a very com-

mercial operation of maximum rental. In between is the Belmont plan under which residents pay a \$20 a year family membership for all facilities and no rentals are made. If the same number of Arlington families took out memberships as did Belmont families, the town would earn \$38,000, enough to pay Recreation Department costs of operating programs.

Were the town to also rent ice time, for instance, considerably more money could be earned by these facilities.

What will these facilities cost to maintain?

If the rink were operated as a rink 11 months of the year, which is not likely, the facilities would cost \$339,472 to maintain. A more realistic estimate is a seven-month rink and total operation and maintenance budget of \$281,000, less monies earned.

Is building renovation part of the plan?

Some renovation to the rest of the school is planned, particularly in the occupational education area and the auditorium.

## Kensington Club To Meet Jan. 28

The regular meeting of the Kensington Park Study club will be held Jan. 28 at 1:30 p.m. at 39 Highland Ave. Mrs. Robert G. Sisson will be the hostess for the afternoon. Two papers will be presented. Mrs. Nils Alsen will give the first paper on "Women's Rights." Mildred Sullivan will read the second paper, "Early Naturalists."

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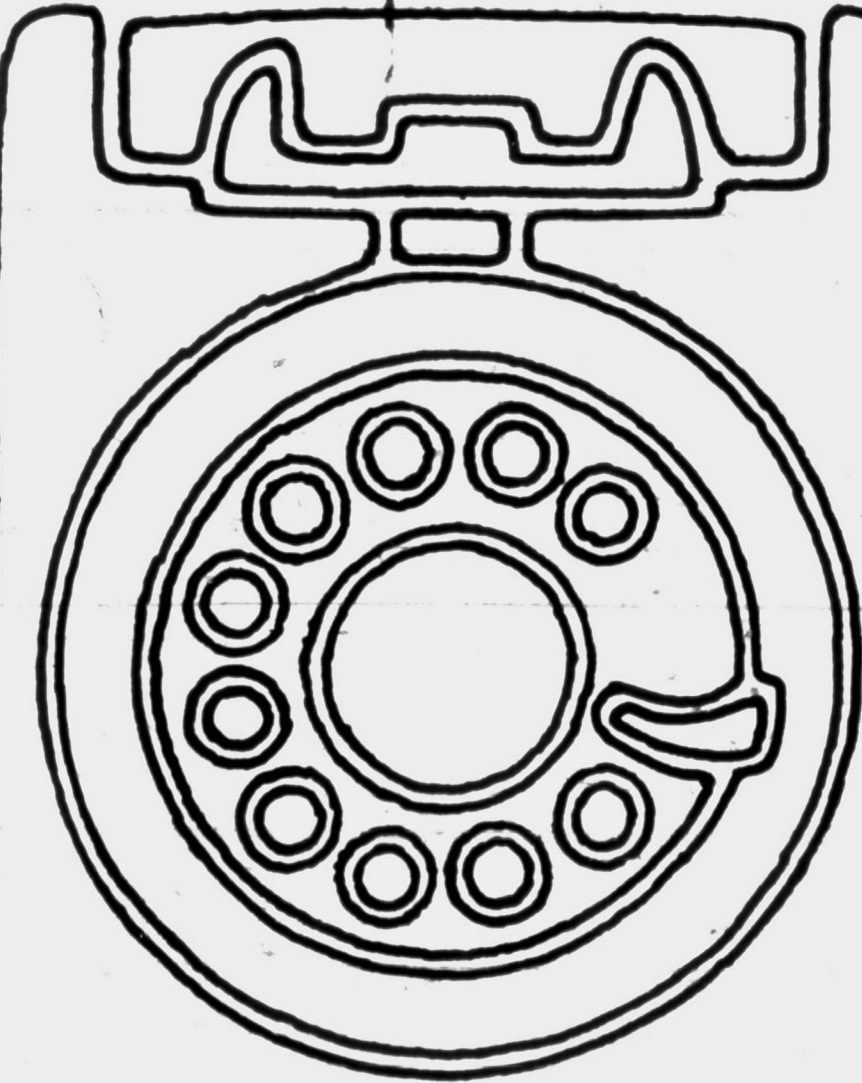
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A Page of Personal Opinion for Public Reflection.

The Arlington Advocate, Thursday, January 23, 1975

## Collins' Corner

by Leonard Collins



### Some Things Not Hurried

Back in November 1973 in this column, an article was printed that was contained in the High School Chronicle written by a student asking that Building A be not torn down, and he really was quite sentimental about the structure. The writer, who has a bit of nostalgia about this school, was sold a bill of goods and felt the same way.

But it's a person with a closed mind who cannot change his mind when he learns the true facts. Last Saturday this writer attended a fine outline of the high school project that comes before the Town Meeting members next week. The chairman of the Building Committee, the Superintendent of Schools and the Chairman of the School Committee spoke. The writer left completely converted, and sold on the project, and his only regret was that all Town Meeting members could not have been there, as it would have had them well-schooled and in a knowledgeable position to vote.

A speaker mentioned that with conditions the way they are, we should wait a few years, and it really made this listener chuckle, because 60 years ago when the school was constructed it contained a swimming pool about where I believe the girls' gym is today. They needed a few more dollars to finish it, and buy a faucet for the water, but it was turned down, and since that time we have had water, water everywhere but not a drop in the pool to swim.

Back in 1936 Herbert Buttrick offered some of his land about where the restaurant is today to the town so they could build a hockey and skating rink, but the Finance Committee said wait a few years. But, of course, that is only 43 years ago, so why hurry?

You know for years and years folks all over Greater Boston, knowing the fine teams we had, would ask whereabouts in Arlington is your hockey rink, and all they received for an answer was a blank stare and a shrug. In the Boston Post of 1924 was an article "Arlington fans and citizens are trying to interest the town in building a rink, and with this town so prominent in the hockey world it would be a shame if it fell through."

The MDC does not allow the high school to play their games there, and all these years they have traveled out of town. Today, Saturday, they are playing Revere in the very fine rink in Winchester. When contests were played at Spy or Hills Pond large crowds would gather, and there was no warm place to sit. In fact, it was a moving group, because when the ice started to crack all would head for the shore.

Oh well, some voters are still saying "Now when I was a boy, etc., etc., and what was good for me is good for them." With Uncle Sam contributing 65 percent of the cost, believe me for a long, long pull the price is right.

On the new Arlington Guide and Directory is a beautiful front cover depicting scenes and faces from Revolutionary times. The artist is Joseph Keefe, a local boy, and it shows Bunker Hill Monument, our Indian next to the Town Hall, The Old North Church, Paul Revere's Home, the Concord Bridge, the Minute Man in Lexington Green, the Old State House, Fanuell Hall, Paul Revere himself, and in the background a sailing ship. This scene could be used by all cities and towns celebrating the Bicentennial of 1975-1976. It's great.

Now here is a bit of news that will bring memories to many. A photo in a Boston paper last week showed a man with a horse and plow clearing the snow on the sidewalks of Concord. The driver was Lawrence Kenney, formerly of Arlington, whose dad was at one time a Fire Captain here. Lawrence does all the plowing for the town with his six horses. I don't know if the horse came from here but the plow did. Some years back he purchased three brand new plows from the Town of Arlington for \$5 apiece, and then he sold them to Concord.

All their snow clearing on the sidewalks is done in this manner, and it saves much headaches for the Public Works officials, because the tractors, such as we have, sometimes destroy bushes and walks, and in the spring our town workers must go out and repair them.

Years ago, when "you and I were young, Maggie," the Boston Elevated plowed the main streets, and eventually our horsedrawn apparatus would clear the sidewalks. No one hurried then, and it might take a few days to plow, so what was the rush. Mother Nature eventually came along and swept it clean. Today some folks want you to catch the flakes before they land.

Everyone is in a hurry, except those that vote on swimming pools and hockey rinks.



### Spring?

Dennis Ebbs takes advantage of a warm spell and tries his luck on Spy Pond  
(Staff Photo by Wendy Maeda)

## Letters To The Editor

Letters to The Editor are welcomed by The Arlington Advocate on any matter of public interest, but they must be limited to 250 words or two typed pages double-spaced. All letters must be signed, but names may be withheld on request.

### Use Funds Better

TO THE EDITOR:

Now that the State Supreme Court has ordered assessments at full market value throughout the state, whether enforceable or not, the indications of what local tax rates would be is extremely interesting in relation to the Town of Arlington. A recent table of rates published by the Boston Globe (12-19-74) shows Arlington with the dubious distinction of ranking 5th highest in the Commonwealth listing of some 300 towns, and surpassed by only 19 cities out of 39, based on a full value rate (estimated) for all.

We pay excessively high taxes already. What do we get in return for them? Are the schools and services the 5th best in Massachusetts?

Before town meeting, town manager or any local committees urge more expenditures, I urge them all to seek ways to make the present taxes work harder and buy us more. We are confronted with questions of solvency on all levels - local, state, federal - extremely serious to the future of us all.

Politicians have a hard time believing that there are limits to what was once unbounded. For a long time they enjoyed the liberty of distributing plenty; now they must reckon with distributing scarcity - a painful, but necessary, adjustment. The purpose of politics, of government, is not only to raise taxes and build things, but to frame the arching issues and help us prepare.

The fundamental quality essential to leadership was said by one Harvard president to be "the capacity to inflict pain." Do our leaders have this today? Will we permit them to exercise it? Politicians mirror our own self-image as a society; too often they make mistakes demanded by their constituents. The right kind of leadership can move us, can lift us out of our everyday selves, can make heroes of us all.

Better use of existing funds is the best way to provide Arlington with security of a well-run community. Moral sloth and economic ineptness in high office have succeeded only in running the country into the ground. The voters have registered their protest; they must now insist on seeing results. What better to begin than right at home?

Nancy W. Dressler  
8 Monadnock rd.

EDITOR'S NOTE: In answer to several letters about the tax rate - new estimates prepared this week by the Town Manager and Finance Committee Chairman on the basis of town budgets now see an increase of \$2 - \$4, depending on how much money the town will get from the state on the cherry sheet.

### A Solution

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to express my opinion and hope that you would print this. Why don't the people that have charge over the pay raise for the Firemen and Policemen look into this matter more carefully with so many men out of work and taxes where they are. As a father of four and out of work I would gladly go to work as a fireman or policeman for \$9,000 a year with all the benefits that goes with the job and still have that extra side job.

What is the matter with the people of Arlington? Stupid. We better get smart and vote these politicians out before they run our town. Who is kidding who?

They want better schools when families are moving out due to high taxes and the kids don't care for the schools they have now. Don't be fooled. Look around and see for yourself. I know I am planning to move out with my four kids. I have had it. I know you will not print this because it is the truth.

John Walsh

## That Man About Town

...by MAT

The high school project which comes before Special Town Meeting on Monday will cost the town little and give the town much in terms of academic and community facilities.

Only 40 percent of the Arlington High students go to college. Sixty percent are trying to get prepared for jobs in a school environment which is crowded and lacks equipment and facilities for many of the programs they wish to be trained in. A lot of people don't care if Arlington High loses accreditation - they don't care what happens to the college bound. But how about the majority of the kids who don't go on in school? Who's going to hire a kid who didn't even graduate from an accredited school where he could be expected to have had adequate job training?

The costs figures and explanation of the bonding process which are explained in today's Advocate, and the new estimate on the tax increase for next year, reflections of town and school budgets pared well beyond what is normal, show that the school project is not that costly. In addition, the facilities can generate revenue and investment of monies borrowed can earn at least \$1 million.

If July passes and the town falls out of the 65 percent state aid category, or has to again redesign the facility, or decides to do nothing, then there will be real costs in terms of capital expenditure and renovation. The best that can be done with Building A is to completely gut it, put in new floors and mechanical systems that meet safety requirements in one less story, and still be thousands of square feet under needed space for the program right now. Some new construction would still be needed.

Some people have said the new school is a secret move to join the metropolitan busing program. Whoever says that doesn't know how crowded that school is now and how iffy the 2600 enrollment projected for the new school is. All you have to have is a parochial school close, or all the private school kids withdraw and come to Arlington High as they did in other towns which built new schools, and that enrollment figure is shot to heck. The School Committee in discussing METCO has already gone on record as putting priority on Arlington kids first. Last year there wasn't enough room in Arlington schools to expand METCO from the current 30 enrolled.

Some people say the facilities are going to be a country club. They may be good, but they certainly won't be a club. The recreation facilities are an imaginative way to meet academic physical education requirements and broaden participation to all kids. How much money do Arlington adults spend now at the Cambridge, Boston and Woburn Y's to play handball and get some recreation? How many adults belong to out-of-town health clubs? How many parents are paying a small fortune and losing a lot of sleep to take their kids all over eastern Massachusetts to find some rink ice to play on? How many senior citizens, handicapped persons and other residents would like to stay in Arlington and be able to take an evening swim, play some tennis, use gym equipment, practice scuba diving, learn new sports?

These kinds of activities are going to become more attractive as local families feel the economic and fuel pinch and have to spend their recreation time and money in Arlington. Are shared facilities for school and town like this a country club? Not at all. They're something residents need.

There's a lot wrong at Arlington High and a lot that happens at the High School is affected by the building. If you think Building A is great, visit it during the open house this Saturday and hear the program at 11. If you want to see what a school in Arlington can be, drop by the two junior highs for the Saturday open houses from 10 - 1:30. Does a parent in Arlington really want his kid to go from the town's first decent junior high facilities in years to Building A?

Arlington is on the threshold of redevelopment and rapid transit expansion. This will bring new people to Arlington. Who will settle and make it their home will be determined in large part by the schools. If we don't attract young families the Arlington population will continue on its present course of getting older every year until it will be a community of senior citizens, lowering property assessments, more absentee owners - and after a while no one will want to live here.

The project will be good for the local community. It will create hundreds of jobs. It will show people that Arlington cares enough about the appearance of its town, about its Mass. avenue corridor, its school system and its reputation.

To not approve the high school-community project now will say a lot - about a town afraid to dream of better times, a town that didn't care about the hundreds of young people it graduates into the job market each year who are competing with graduates from better schools in area towns.

If Arlington doesn't care, it is the young people who will be hurt the most, because the opportunity will never come again. If the town doesn't take advantage of this project now before inflation increases the costs more and the state aid formula changes in July, does anyone really expect the opportunity will come again and be taken?

### Counter Productive

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing concerning the tax increase that is intended for the May bill for Arlington homeowners. As an Arlington home owner for 21 years I am strongly opposed to this increase. In this time of economic problems, Arlington is asking its taxpayers to take on an even greater burden. Federal tax cuts are being proposed to give people more spending money. Arlington's intended increase would be counter productive.

I hope this increase will not be put into effect.

Thank You  
Costas Constantinides  
62 Waldo rd.

### Halt Taxes

TO THE EDITOR:

I hope all the citizens of Arlington will get behind Mr. Torra in his valiant fight to control the ever increasing rise in real estate taxes in Arlington.

My own taxes have gone from \$600 to \$2,000, and I feel this is practically confiscatory.

I hear we can look forward to another increase of 17-25 percent OUCH!

Citizens call a halt now before we all end up bankrupt.

Join Mr. Torra in his efforts to promote fiscal responsibility by the town legislators.

Sincerely,  
Eleanor M. Johnson  
24 Windsor st.

## Two Boards Approve School Construction

The Board of Selectmen and the Redevelopment Board have voted to support the Arlington High construction and reconstruction proposal.

Selectmen discussed each of the articles on the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting, Monday night and approved all five of the school related articles.

The Board of Selectmen also approved the insurance article, article 7; article 8, the adding of Martin Luther King Day as a paid legal holiday and Article 9, a request for funds for the purpose of correcting heating problems at the Robbins Library.

Selectmen opposed Article 10 which would ask the Town to appropriate the total amount of State Aid to Public Libraries received in 1975 to the Trustees of the Robbins Library.

## Town Mtg. Vacancies Are To Be Filled

Meetings will be held by members of 10 precincts to fill 11 vacancies prior to the Special Town Meeting, Jan. 27.

The remaining members of the precincts involved will nominate and elect those to fill vacancies in Precincts 3-4-6-10-11-12-17-19 and 21. Two vacancies will be filled in precinct 14.

There will be a total of 252 Town Meeting members when all vacancies are filled.

Meanwhile, Town Clerk Mary Farrington said that the number of candidates seeking election as Town Meeting members for the Annual Town Meeting is very light.

There are 84 vacancies for three-year terms, four in each precinct; seven vacancies for two-year terms and nine for one-year terms.

There are less candidates than vacancies for three year terms in Precincts 1-5-10-11-14-18 and 19 and for one-year terms in Precincts 3-6-9-18.

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P.S. (I am not a candidate for Selectmen. I do not want politics to lose our High School)

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## Funds Needed

### Flag Drive Underway

A campaign to line Massachusetts Avenue with American Flags for seven holidays each year and for the Bicentennial Celebration got underway last week.

Since then, Cochairman Fred Wilson has added names to the list of committee members and donors.

Mrs. Jane Foley has joined the committee and will work with President and Mrs. Alex Wilson of the Parent Teachers Council. A program is being developed to distribute the flag brochures in the schools.

The committee has completed the first phase of its campaign to raise funds to display American Flags on light poles along Massachusetts Avenue from Cambridge to Lexington. Over 700 appeals have been mailed to business and professional people, and to individuals, 434 of whom have a Massachusetts Avenue address.

Anyone who missed the coupon in last week's Arlington Advocate may obtain one at 1303 Massachusetts Ave. or simply send a check to Arlington's Avenue of Flags Committee, Box 275, Arlington, 02174.

Following is a list of supporters from whom contributions have been received: Those in the "C" Club (\$100 or more): Arlington Guide and Directory, Arlington Lions Club, Hudson's Store, Wilson's Ben Franklin Store.

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Others: Davis and Sons Electricians, Atty. Elizabeth Dolan, Frank Duffy Carpet Center.

### Local Garden Club Gives, Seeks Aid For Flower Boxes

The Arlington Garden Club recently pledged at least \$200 to a project being coordinated by the Arlington Beautification Committee that would install flower boxes at many of the historical sites in the town.

For years, these landmarks have been neglected, the club feels. Especially during the Bicentennial period, these areas should be spruced up in a colorful manner.

Any groups or individuals interested in helping this project, either with ideas or contributions, may contact Jewell Jorgenson, 6 Jason St.

Mary T. Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Neville, New England Sash, Mrs. Hazen Whittier, and Dr. Alfred Yood.

The above represents earliest contributors. Supporters are urged to send in their contributions as soon as they can so that the flags, brackets, and poles can be ordered.

### Registration Next Week For College Classes

Residents of Arlington will soon be able to register for the spring semester of classes offered locally by the Middlesex Community College Division of Continuing Education. Classes will begin Monday at Arlington High School.

Special courses will be offered in the late afternoon for teachers and administrators of the Arlington public school system. In addition, the general public will be able to select from a variety of courses to be conducted in the early evenings.

Dr. John H. Kendrick, Director of Continuing Education, invites local teachers to enroll in such courses as "The Classroom Teacher's Role in the Functioning of the Learning Resource Center," "Methods and Practices in Learning Disabilities," "Search for Values," "Production of Instructional Materials in Education," "Chapter 766," and "Media Hardware." Such courses have been recommended and approved for increment credit by Richard McKay, Assistant Superintendent of Schools in Arlington.

Other courses will include "Principles of Management," "Technical Writing for Science and Industry," "Astrology II," "English Composition and Literature II," "Basic Anatomy and Physiology," "Introductory Accounting I," "Small Business Management," "Criminal Investigation," "Basic Math I," and "General Psychology."

Registration for these classes will be held at Arlington High School on the following dates: Monday, from 3:30-4:30 p.m.; Tuesday, from 6:30-7:30 p.m.; and Wednesday from 6:30-7:30 p.m., Lowe Auditorium entrance.

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**TOP ROUND ROAST BEEF**  
(BONELESS)  
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**BEEF ROUND TOP ROUND STEAK**  
**TOP ROUND STEAK**  
(BONELESS)  
SAVE 60¢ lb.  
**\$1.89** lb.

**BEEF ROUND TIP STEAK**  
**FACE RUMP STEAK**  
(BONELESS)  
SAVE 50¢ lb.  
**\$1.69** lb.

**BEEF ROUND TIP ROAST**  
**FACE RUMP ROAST BEEF**  
(BONELESS)  
SAVE 40¢ lb.  
**\$1.39** lb.

**BEEF ROUND TIP ROAST CAP OFF**  
**TOP SIRLOIN ROAST BEEF**  
(BONELESS)  
SAVE 40¢ lb.  
**\$1.49** lb.

**BEEF ROUND EYE ROUND STEAK**  
**EYE ROUND STEAK**  
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SAVE 50¢ lb.  
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**BEEF ROUND TOP ROUND STEAK**  
**TOP ROUND STEAK**  
(BONELESS)  
SAVE 40¢ lb.  
**\$1.69** lb.

**BEEF ROUND BOTTOM ROUND ROAST CENTER**  
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SAVE 40¢ lb.  
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SAVE 46¢ lb.  
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ADVOCATE assistant publisher Richard Meehan, who designed the first place color ad in New England Press competition, and Patty Duke of the

production department who does the color mechanicals, shows plaque The Advocate received.

## The Advocate In First Spot For Color Ads

For the second year in a row The Arlington Advocate has won a first prize in advertising in the annual New England Press Association competition.

In an awards program at the Sheraton Boston Hotel last Friday The Advocate received the first prize plaque for the best color advertisement. The ad, which was sponsored by Central Co-operative Bank for the Fourth of July, featured an American flag in red, white and blue, and a scroll in light brown with the Declaration of Independence. The ad was designed by assistant publisher Richard Meehan.

Last year The Advocate won first prize in the New England competition for the best black and white advertisement.

At the annual meeting of the New England Association Advocate publisher C. Peter Jorgensen was named to the board of directors. He was also elected a vice president of the Massachusetts Press Assn. Jorgensen was a panelist on a workshop on photography. Advocate editor Kathryn Jorgensen was a speaker in a workshop on editorials.

## Drama Program For Kids Starts

The Recreation Department's popular Drama Class is being held Monday afternoons at the Fox Library. This children's drama program is open to boys and girls ages 9 and up.

The program is instructed to the children by Iton Haulston who has an extensive background in dramatics and creative learning. Haulston will instruct the children on creative dramatics, basic improvisations and voice training.

## Four More Handbags Taken Last Seven Days

Four more handbags were snatched in Arlington during the past week, bringing the total for the past two weeks to seven.

On Jan. 17 a brown handbag was taken from a woman in front of 276 Mass. ave. The handbag contained money and personnel papers.

The person taking the bag was described as about five feet eight inches tall, long brown hair and was wearing blue dungarees. He fled on foot in the direction of Belknap st.

A second incident took place in the Forest st. Mass. ave. area.

On this occasion a tan leather handbag containing money and personnel papers was taken from a woman.

She was taken to Symmes Hospital, where she was treated for abrasions of both knees, arms and head.

Her assailant was described as about five feet three inches tall and wearing a blue jacket. He fled on foot behind 1179 Mass. ave.

On Jan. 18, a handbag was taken from a woman in the vicinity of 1241 Mass. ave. The

youth who took the bag was described as about 14-15 years old wearing a snorkel-type jacket with hood over his face.

A sum of money and personnel papers were contained in the handbag.

He was said to have fled along Lowell st. on foot.

Another handbag was taken, Monday in the vicinity of 226 Mass. ave. The youth involved was said to be between 16 and 18 years of age. He was wearing a short cloth coat. He fled on foot.

Assistant Director of Community Safety John F. Carroll in discussing the outbreak of handbag snatching suggested that people not struggle with those attempting to take the bags.

He also suggested that no valuables be kept in such handbags, but that credit cards, large amounts of money and similar items be kept in pockets or wallets.

He also noted that the department is keying in more personnel in this area in an attempt to cut the taking of handbags.

## Planning For Patriots' Day Now Underway

The Patriot's Day Committee at its second meeting announced that Wilfred St. Martin will be in charge of transportation. Local publicity will be handled by Mrs. Gray C. Trombly. Kenneth Cameron is chairman of the health and safety committee. The Marine Corps League will be in charge of flag raisings. Parade Headquarters will be at the City Hall.

The theme of the parade will be "Where

the Action Really Was." The following organizations have made a commitment to enter floats in the parade: Boy Scouts, Council on Aging, Garden Club, Girl Scouts, Hardy School, Historical Society, Jaycees, League of Women Voters, Mal's Towing Co., Rainbow Girls, and the Sons of Italy.

Others planning floats or the decoration of buildings are warned that a shortage of bunting and decorating supplies is predicted. Plans should be made, and supplies ordered, as soon as possible.

Present were James McGough, Art Association; Alice St. Martin, Legion Auxiliary; Francis Brawley, American Legion; Grace Schraiter, Garden Club; Emma Jane Trembly, Children of the American Revolution; Betty Greeley, Girl Scouts; Kevin Moroney, Jaycees; Fred Sennett, Menotomy Minute Men; Anthony Roderick, Marine Corps League; William Scaglione, Jaycees, and Bay A's.

Take your paper for the Paper Parks Program to the truck at Town Yard any time. ~~one day. Proceeds from the recycled paper~~ will go to park equipment.

## Monday Is Deadline For Filing Papers

Candidates seeking to run for office in the March 1 election have until Jan. 23, at 5 p.m. to obtain blank nomination papers.

The last day and hour for submitting all nomination papers to the Registrars of Voters is Jan. 27, at 5 p.m.

Candidates who have taken out papers include Robert B. Walsh, 101 Dow ave.; Richard D. Bush, 26 Brattle st.; Judith A. Quimby, 12 Egerton rd.; Ann Mahon Powers, 234 Mountain ave. and Joseph S. Daly, 143 Washington st. for Selectmen.

Chairman of the Board Harry P. McCabe, previously took out papers, but announced last week that he would not be a candidate.

There are eight candidates who have taken out papers for School Committee. Included are James J. Burke, 41 Alton st.; Ann Klein, 196 Crosby st.; Charles H. Lyons, 11 Park ave. extension; William K. Wanmaker, 22 Edmund rd.; R. Victor Jones, 21 Kensington rd.; Alexander B. Wilson, 154 Pheasant ave.; Howard D. Clark, 18 Grove st. and Robert H. Murray, 73 Beacon st.

Christine M. Callahan, 15 Everett st.; Joseph F. Mulherin, 58 Webowet rd. and Joan C. Gross, 4 Wollaston ave. have taken out papers for Town Clerk.

John J. Balafer, 15 Victoria rd. and Richard D. Bush, 26 Brattle st., have taken out papers for Treasurer.

John B. Byrne, Jr., has taken out papers for the Board of Assessors.

Candidates for Housing Authority are Joseph S. Vahey, 4 Osceola path; William P. Foristall, 23 Orlando rd.; Aloysius Westmann, 12 Lorne rd.; William F. Heyward, 68 Cleveland st. and Robert K. Garrity, 375 Park ave.

Joseph Daly has announced that he will not be a candidate. He says his decision is due to politics coming into the construction of the high school.

## Jobs Sought For Secretarial Students

The Secretarial Science Department of Middlesex Community College in Bedford announces that its internship program for Legal and Medical Degree Programs will begin in February and run through the end of May.

The college is seeking the cooperation of professionals in the medical and legal fields as employers. Anyone interested in participating in this internship program is invited to contact Professor Anne T. Kosterzios for the Medical Internship and Professor Margaret M. Cormier for the Legal Internship.

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## Rec. Dept.

## 16 Winter Programs Set

The Recreation Department has begun all of its winter programs from pre-school to Golden Age.

**Pre-School Arts and Crafts:** A new session will begin Jan. 31 at the Fox Library with classes from 9:15-10:15 and 10:15-11:15. On Mondays the program is held at the Peirce School with classes from noon to 1 p.m. and 1-2 p.m. Registration has been completed and there are no openings remaining.

**Beginners' Baton Twirling:** Will offer another 10-week session beginning this Saturday. Beginners classes will be held at 9:15 and 10:15 at the Multi-Purpose Room of the Arlington High School.

The girls will perform in all local parades and at the end of the program there will be a recital to exhibit their twirling talents. A slight registration fee is required and one must register at the Recreation Office, 33 Ryder St.

**Magic:** Program began last Friday, however limited openings still remain. The classes will run for seven weeks on Friday afternoons from 4:5-5:30 at the Fox Library in East Arlington.

The course will include some new and different magic tricks under the direction of Joseph Carota, a professional magician who has had many years experience in magic instruction. The remaining openings will be filled on a first come, first served basis. For further information contact the Recreation Office.

**Girls' After-School Activities:** Continues to be an important program for girls in grades 5 and 6. The program is held at the following locations:

Tuesdays 2:30-4:15 p.m., Parmenter, Crosby, Locke, Hardy.

Thursdays 2:30-4:15 p.m., Thompson, Stratton, Brackett, Dallin, Peirce, Cutter.

Fridays 2:30-4:15 p.m., Bishop. Activities for the girls will include arts and crafts and many varied types of informal games.

**Skating:** Openings still remain for Child's Beginners, Thursday Basic Skating and Thursday Advanced Hockey Instruction.

A. Child's, Beginners—four week program: Tuesdays 3-4 p.m. beginning March 4; Tuesdays 4-5 p.m. beginning March 4; Thursdays 3-4 p.m. beginning March 13.

B. Basic Skating—assumes a child can skate forward and stop, and teaches skating backwards, front crossovers, back crossovers and various stops, a seven week program. Thursday 4-5 p.m. beginning Jan. 30.

C. Advanced Hockey Instruction—on Thursdays from 5-6 p.m. still has a few openings remaining. Advanced hockey for grades 5 and up will begin with the basic fundamentals of hockey plus added teachings on advanced techniques and tips on strategy and team play. Intramural games will also be added in the seven week program.

**FSD Compiles Disability Book**

The Friends of the Seniorly Deprived, Inc. (FSD), have published a second edition to "The Packet," a journal devoted to Learning Disabilities.

Academic Therapy, its original name and first edition of the publication, contained information on imageries, (eidetic, aural, speech, haptic and entoptic), extra sensory perception versus sensory perception, biomechanics, biochemistry, orthomolecular psychiatry, nutritional facts along with word blindness and hypoglycemia.

Selma Lintz of Arlington, President of FSD, and Pearl M. Rosborough, Executive Research Director, author of Physical Fitness and the Child's Reading Problem, have been written up in "The Compendium: Persons of Eminence in Exceptional Education." This is the first time any attempt has been made to record those researchers, leaders, innovators, pioneers, workers who have contributed to the progress in the many fields of exceptional education.

**Water Rate Hearing**

Representatives of member cities and towns of the Metropolitan Water District have been invited to a public hearing on Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at Metropolitan District Commission headquarters, 20 Somerset St., Boston, to discuss water rates for the coming year.

Contact the Recreation Office for further details and registration.

**Boys' Floor Hockey:** On Saturday mornings at the Otis Junior High from 9:30-11:30 a.m. All boys in grades 7, 8 and 9 are invited to participate. The league will be divided into two divisions, depending upon participation with regular and post season competition.

**Girls' High School Basketball:** A new and exciting program for girls in grades 7-12 on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the Freshman Gym of AHS. All girls who do not participate in interscholastic basketball teams are invited to come down and play.

Depending upon participation, the Recreation Department will plan to coordinate two leagues: Junior league for girls in grades 7, 8 and 9, while the Senior league will be comprised of girls in grades 10, 11, 12. So, come on down tonight at 7 p.m. to the Freshman Gym of Arlington High.

**Boys' High School Basketball:** This year the Recreation Department had its greatest turnout with over 200 boys participating in the league. Games for tomorrow night at the Otis Junior High are as follows:

Junior League 7:15 p.m.: Bucks vs. Wolfpack, Celtics vs. Braves.

Senior League 8:15 p.m.: Bullets vs. Celtics, Lakers vs. Warriors.

**Adult Co-ed Volleyball:** Began a 10-week program last night. The program is still open to residents of Arlington and runs from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Boys' Gym of the High School on Wednesdays. Volleyball at the Recreation level offers exercise and relaxation through informal and competitive games.

**Ballroom Dancing:** On Wednesday nights at the Girls Gym of AHS has openings remaining for advanced dancers only. Advanced lessons are held from 8:30-9:30. If interested contact the Recreation Department. Program began last night and will run for eight weeks.

**Tennis Instruction:** Registration is underway at the Recreation Office for beginners classes to begin on Feb. 13. Beginners classes will be held from 7-8 and 8-9 p.m. under the direction of John Dody, AHS Boys' Varsity Tennis Coach. Program will cover beginner tennis techniques of forehand, backhand and serve as well as tennis strategy and positional play. The program will run for four weeks.

**Women's Fitness:** After the switching of gyms for the best available site, the Recreation Department will now conduct the Women's Fitness every Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Freshman Gym of the High School. The Freshman Gym is the best site as it offers ample space and equipment.

**Women's Fitness program** will offer a brisk period of limbering and toning exercises, followed by informal games such as volleyball and basketball. The Recreation Department is sorry for the inconvenience of changing the schools.

**Men's Fitness:** Held every Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Boys Gym of AHS. A program that blends calisthenics with informal games of volleyball and basketball.

**Men's Adult Basketball:** First round of games began last night at the Otis Junior High. Games for Wednesday, Jan. 29 are: 7:15 p.m., Blackhawks vs. Moots; 8 p.m., K. of C. vs. 76's; 7:15 p.m., Sacco vs. Raiders; 8 p.m., B.A.G. vs. Green Machine.

**Golden Age Club:** Meets the first and third Thursday of each month at Pleasant Street Congregational church from 2:30-3:30 p.m. This program offers guest speakers, movies, trips and lots of fun.

**Senior Citizens' Meetings:** Held every Monday afternoon from 1:30-3:30 at the Fox Library. All retired and senior citizens are invited to come out and enjoy these relaxed meetings. Monday, Nurse and guest speaker Dr. George Andrew, Podiatrist.

**Studies of leisure time** have proven that in 1950, the average man worked 72 hours, whereas the modern day work week has dropped to 35 hours. With this in mind the Arlington Recreation Department is constantly starting new programs for Arlington residents from pre-school age to senior citizens. For information on all programs contact the Recreation Office at 33 Ryder St.

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## Town Hall Roundup

Selectmen will seek another time for construction of Bow st. under the Chapter 90 program.

The present construction plan would call for the work to be completed about May 30. The Board referred the matter to the Town Manager after expressing concern that construction during this period would be right at the height at the Bicentennial celebration. Members of the Board also expressed concern that Bow st. is a key way for the re-routing of traffic during periods of celebration.

Selectmen have certified Naomi Kahrmanian, 233 Mass. ave., in connection with the incorporation of A MORE Church International, to be located in Arlington.

The application of William Karafotias, 32 Justin rd., Brighton, for the transfer of a common victualer's license issued to Monica Piacentini, 208 Mass. ave., has been approved by the Selectmen.

The Arlington Fire Dept. wanted the application approved conditionally until three fire extinguishers had been installed. This

will be done according to the applicant.

A Lord's Day license has been granted by the Board of Selectmen for a band concert to be held at St. Agnes School hall, Feb. 16 from 7 to 11 p.m.

The Board of Selectmen will issue a proclamation designating Feb. 13 as "Coffee Day" for Crippled Children.

The request for the proclamation was made by the Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children.

Display buttons may be purchased at restaurants and coffee shops throughout the state beginning Jan. 30. Anyone wearing these buttons on Coffee Day will receive a free cup of coffee.

Jan. 23 has been declared Jaycee-ette day in Arlington by the Board of Selectmen.

John F. Crowley, 4 Winslow st., has resigned as a member of the Historic District Study Committee, effective Feb. 1. Robert Garrity has been appointed to the position.

## BCH Mothers' Guild

The Mother's Guild of Boston College High School will sponsor a Las Vegas night at B.C. High Saturday, at 8 p.m., 150 Morrissey Blvd., Dorchester.

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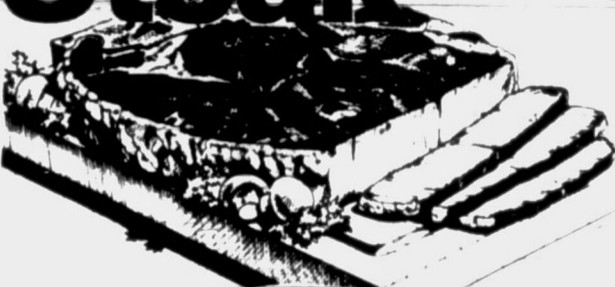
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Mrs. Robert A. Cormier

## Sharon Beckwith Is Bride Of Robert Cormier At St. Agnes

St. Agnes' Church was the setting of the marriage of Sharon Beckwith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Frank Beckwith of 15 Ivy Cir., to Robert A. Cormier, son of Mrs. Arthur Cormier of 28 Clyde Ter. and the late Arthur Cormier, Oct. 20.

A reception at Pier 4 aboard the S.S. Peter Stuyvesant followed the 2 p.m. Nuptial Mass at which Fr. O'Brien from St. Ann's, Gloucester, officiated.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a white satin fitted gown with inserts of white ribbon in Venice lace in the front and appliques of lace on both the bodice and detachable train. She wore a matching three-tier elbow-length veil, and carried a cascade of white carnations, fujimums and apricot roses.

Karen A. Beckwith, sister of the bride, was maid of honor and wore an apricot gown with a hooded jacket and carried a bouquet of

apricot, yellow and rust-colored mums with a yellow ribbon. Gail Beckwith, Linda Colozzi, Jayne Cormier and Barbara Smith, all of Arlington, were bridesmaids. Their gowns were similar to the maid of honor's and they carried the same bouquets with rust ribbons.

David Cormier, brother of the bridegroom, was the best man. Michael Sullivan and Leslie Beckwith of Arlington, Richard Penkala of Winchester, and David Santuccio of Andover were ushers. Brian Beckwith, brother of the bride, served as the ring bearer.

The bride is a graduate of Arlington High School and Mass Bay Community College. The bridegroom is a graduate of Arlington High School and is employed by B.A.S.F. Systems of Bedford.

Following a wedding trip to Bermuda, the couple resides in Arlington.

### Bozek Baby

Mr. and Mrs. Michael S. Bozek of Billerica announce the birth of their second daughter, Jennifer Lynn, on Jan. 4. Jennifer has a sister, Kerrie Michelle. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Angelo M. Murgia of Arlington and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley M. Bozek of Chicopee. Jennifer's great-grandmother is Mrs. John Murgia of Arlington.

### Ofria Baby Boy

Ian Carmelo Ofria, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Ofria of Fairfield, California, was born at David Grant Hospital, Travis AFB, Calif., on Dec. 7.

Ian's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Carroll of Washangal, Wash. and Mr. and Mrs. Carmelo Ofria of 28 Jason St.

## Cindy Kathleen Trebino Weds Robert A. Mottla

Cindy Kathleen Trebino, daughter of Mrs. Pauline Trebino and the late Edmund S. Trebino of Arlington, became the bride of Robert A. Mottla, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred J. Mottla of Winchester, on Nov. 17.

The ceremony was performed at St. James Church by the Rev. Flaherty and a reception followed at the Hillcrest in Waltham.

Mrs. Ronald Coombes was her sister's matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Ginni Trebino of Arlington, Louise and Karen Mottla both of Winchester. Junior bridesmaids were Brenda and Dorinda

Woodland of Lexington.

The bridegroom's cousin, Domenic Uglietto of Winchester was the best man. Ushers were Edmund Trebino, and Gerry McCarthy, both of Arlington, and John Burgoyne of Waltham.

Mrs. Mottla is a graduate of Arlington High School and is employed by the Coolidge Bank. Her husband is also a graduate of Arlington High School and is employed by McArdle and Mottla, Inc., of Lexington.

Following a honeymoon in Bermuda, the couple will reside in Winchester.



Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Mottla

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## Elizabeth Noel Is Engaged To Robert Rotondi

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Noel of 81 Rhinecliff St. announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth, to Robert F. Rotondi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Rotondi of 27 Indian Hill Rd.

Miss Noel is a graduate of Arlington High School and a senior at Lesley College, Cambridge. The bridegroom-to-be is also a graduate of Arlington High School and is a senior at Tufts University.

A March 15 wedding is planned.



Elizabeth Noel

### Neville's First

Mr. and Mrs. Brian F. Neville of Billerica announce the birth of their first child, Michael Brian, on Jan. 19 at the Lawrence Memorial Hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William A. Fisher of 166 Gray St. and Mr. and Mrs. Francis J. Neville of Cambridge, formerly of Arlington.

### Traverse Baby

Mr. and Mrs. John V. Traverse announce the birth of their son, Keith Robert, on Jan. 7 at Symmes Hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Galligan of 20 Tufts St. and Mr. and Mrs. George V. Traverse of 42 Cleveland St.



ENGAGED - Mrs. John B. Skinner of 1 Perkins St. announces the engagement of her daughter, Mary Ellen, to Robert Wallack, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wallack of Bristol, Conn. Miss Skinner is currently attending Salem State College and is the daughter of the late John Skinner. Her fiancé is a graduate of Bentley College. A spring wedding is planned.

## Nanci Quinn, Randall Huber To Wed In June

The engagement of Nanci Quinn has been announced by her mother, Mrs. Florence Quinn of 32 Exeter St., and her father, Joseph Quinn, of Merrimack, N.H.

Her fiancé is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Huber of Melrose.

Miss Quinn is a 1970 graduate of Arlington High School and a 1972 graduate of Grahm Junior College and is employed by Arlington Buick Co.

The bridegroom-to-be is a 1966 graduate of Melrose High School and a 1970 graduate of Worcester Polytechnical Institute where he was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. He is employed by the Bayside Engineering Association, Inc. of Boston.

A June wedding is planned.

### Amiro Baby Boy

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Amiro of Winooski, Vt., announce the birth of their son, Gregory, on Dec. 8 at Mary Fletcher Hospital, Burlington, Vt. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. David C. Dolan of Newport St. and Mr. and Mrs. Harold A. Amiro of Lexington.

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## Paula Mangano Is Engaged To Paul Phillips

Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Mangano of 132 Winchester rd. announce the engagement of their daughter, Paula Marie, to Paul Phillips, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Phillips of 61 Sunset rd.

Miss Mangano is a graduate of Arlington Catholic High School and is employed by the Liberty Mutual Insurance Company in Lexington. Her fiancé is also a graduate of Arlington Catholic High School and is attending Merrimack College in North Andover.



Paula Mangano



Karen Tracy

## Karen Anne Tracy Is Engaged To William Medeiros

Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Tracy announce the engagement of their daughter, Karen Anne to William Paul Medeiros Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. William P. Medeiros, 222 Broadway.

Miss Tracy and her fiancé are 1971 graduates of Arlington Catholic High School. Both will receive a B.S. in Business Administration from Salem State College in May.

No wedding date has been set.

## Linda Peterson, Richard Robinson Engaged To Wed

Mrs. Claire Peterson of 294 Forest st. announces the engagement of her daughter, Linda R., to Richard Robinson of Rochester, N.H.

Miss Peterson is a graduate of Arlington High School and is studying physiotherapy at Simmons College. Her fiancé is a graduate of Spaulding High School, Rochester, and is touring the United States and Canada as lead guitarist with the Stan Jr. Show.



Linda R. Peterson

## 'Oklahoma' To Be Given 31st, Feb. 2

The Department of Performing Arts in association with the AHS Gilbert and Sullivan Club will present "Oklahoma" on Jan. 31 and Feb. 1 at 8 p.m. in Lowe Auditorium.

"Oklahoma" is not only one of the great Broadway classics, but a show that the whole family can enjoy. The Arlington production will be directed by Frank Roberts with music and dance under the direction of Andrew Smith. It will feature a cast of about a hundred.

"Oklahoma" written in 1943 by Richard Rogers and Oscar Hammerstein is based on Lynn Riggs' play "Green Grow the Lilacs." It ran on Broadway for 2,212 performances. The story is that of two love triangles, one in which two men love the same woman, the other in which a girl is longing to be married to someone anyone.

Tickets are economically priced and are available at the door or from G & S members and through the Performing Arts Department at the High School. For further information, call the school department, extension 168.

## Mothers Of Twins To Meet Monday

Arlington mothers, grandmothers and legal guardians of multiple birth children are invited to attend the meeting of the Founding Chapter, Massachusetts Mothers of Twins Association, Inc., to be held at 8 p.m. Monday at their new meeting place, the Park Avenue Congregational Church.

The program will include an initiation ceremony for new members and a twin-talk panel for the discussion of twins and problems relating to twins.

Mrs. Robert Calautti of Arlington was welcomed as a new member at the November meeting.

Further information about Founding Chapter and the meetings may be obtained by contacting Mrs. John Rudd, 31 Temple st., the community chairman for the Arlington area, or by writing to MMOTA, Inc., P.O. Box 25, Arlington, MA 02175.

## Manos Twins

Mr. and Mrs. George Manos of 57 Newcomb st. announce the birth of twin daughters, Maria and Panayioti, on Dec. 26 at Symmes Hospital.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Alexson, 82 Melrose st., and Mr. and Mrs. Elthimos Dastamanis of Grevena, Greece.

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## Maureen Jean Charest Is Bride Of John E. Brescia

Maureen Jean Charest became the bride of John Edward Brescia at a noon ceremony at St. Agnes' Church, Sept. 21, 1974.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Joseph Brescia of Woburn, formerly of Arlington. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl L. Brescia of Stoneham.

Father Doherty performed the double ring ceremony. The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of peau de soie appliqued with lace and seed pearls. A matching Camelot cap held her full length veil hand-made by aunt Anne MacLellan. She carried an old fashioned bouquet of white roses and carnations with streams of white baby's breath.

Mary Charest of Woburn was her sister's maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Annette Charest of Woburn, sister of the bride; Debbie Sordillo of Arlington, sister of the bride; Peggy Thomas of Arlington, sister of the bride; Terri Wright of Somerville, sister of the bride; Marlene Miller, Andrea Kiddie, Ann Seabrook and Julie Breslin of Arlington. Kimberly Ann McCarron of Medford, the bridegroom's cousin, was the flower girl.

The attendants wore sleeveless jersey knits with matching jackets with rainbow colors, apricot being worn by the maid of honor and the flower girl. Other colors worn by the bridesmaids were lavender, lime green, yellow, blue, and aqua. The flower girl wore a white country style apron over gown with a ecan of daisies on her head. They all carried white baskets of daisies and carnations matching the colors of their gowns.

Carl L. Brescia, Jr., of Stoneham was the best man for his brother. Ushers were Michael Colantuoni, cousin; Ray Spencer of Medford; Kenneth Petrucci of Norton; Kevin White of Malden; Michael Mackay of Wakefield; Michael Thomas of Arlington; Paul Sordillo of Arlington; and John Francisco of Medford. Keith McCarron, cousin of the bridegroom, was the ringbearer.

Janet Spellman of Arlington was in charge of the guest book at the Malden Moose Hall.

The bride is a graduate of Arlington High School and is employed by Grolier Interstate, Reading. The bridegroom is a graduate of Stoneham High School and is a manager for Foodmaster Supermarkets, Inc.

Following a honeymoon to Bermuda's Southampton Princess, the couple reside in Stoneham.

## Goslee Baby Boy

Harold James Goslee was born Dec. 38 to Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. Goslee of Tampa, Fla. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harold 4 Goslee of Tampa, and Mr. and Mrs. James W. Breslin of Arlington.

## Hinckley Baby Girl

Jennifer Leigh Hinckley was born on Jan. 7 at Symmes Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hinckley of Somerville. Her grandparents are Mrs. Esther Polito of Somerville and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hinckley of 51 Sunnyside ave.

## Conception Assn. Dance Is Jan. 25

The Immaculate Conception School & Parents Association in East Arlington will hold their 3rd annual "Oldies but Goodies" dance in the school hall on Saturday at 8 p.m.

D. J. Sullivan will host the evening and play favorite music from the 50's and 60's. A buffet will be served and cocktails will be available. Tickets are available from Pat Morrison or Lolly O'Brien. Proceeds from this dance will benefit the school.

## ACHS Oratory Team Wins Second Place

A team of Arlington Catholic Orators won the second place team trophy at Cathedral High School. The team, under the direction of Sister Ruth Elizabeth, competed in the category of original oratory.

Patti Campbell won the second best speaker award. She is now qualified for the Nationals in May. The Arlington Catholic oratory team still remains in first place for the sweepstakes trophy.

## Federal Retirees

The January meeting of the Arlington Chapter No. 394 of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees will be held on Saturday, at 1:30 p.m. in the Edith M. Fox Branch Library at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome, and there is no admission fee.

The program on Friday is "Phantom of the Opera" - The original classic horror film starring Lon Chaney, Mary Philbin and Norman Kerry and telling the story of a strange man living in the cellar of the Paris Opera House. Silent 70 min.

## Lon Chaney Film Tomorrow At Fox

"Flicks for a Friday Evening" will be presented tomorrow by the Robbins Library in the meeting room of the Edith M. Fox Branch Library at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome, and there is no admission fee.

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Monday, Jan. 27	3:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 28 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 29 6-7:30 p.m.	Students may register at the Bedford Campus or by mail prior to these dates.
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Room assignments will be posted at Lowe Auditorium entrance first day of classes.

**Monday (b. Jan. 27)**

- \* ED 8081 The Classroom Teacher's Role in the Functioning of the Learning Resource Center (4-6:30 p.m.)
- \* ED 8225 Methods and Practices in Learning Disabilities (4-6:30 p.m.)

**Tuesday (b. Jan. 28)**

- BU 130A Principles of Management
- BU 160 Technical Writing for Science and Industry
- CS 55 Astrology II b. March 25, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

\* ED 8221 Search for Values  
\* ED 8224 Production of Instructional Materials in Education 4-6:30 p.m.  
EN 102A English Composition and Literature II  
SC 104 Basic Anatomy and Physiology

**Wednesday (b. Jan. 29)**

- BU 101A Introductory Accounting I
- BU 170 Small Business Management
- CS 49 "Chapter 786" 7-9 p.m.
- \* TD 8112 Media Hardware 4-6:30 p.m.
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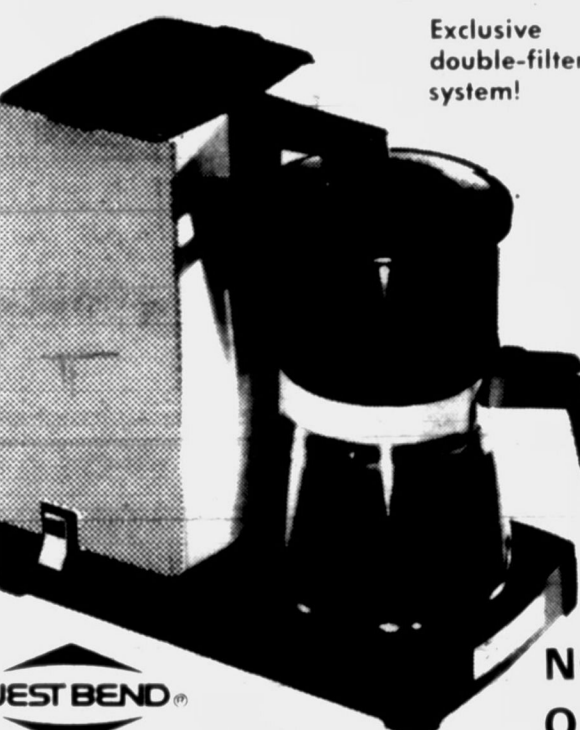


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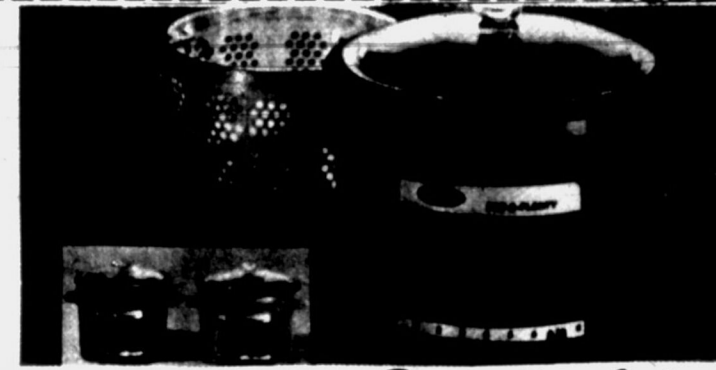
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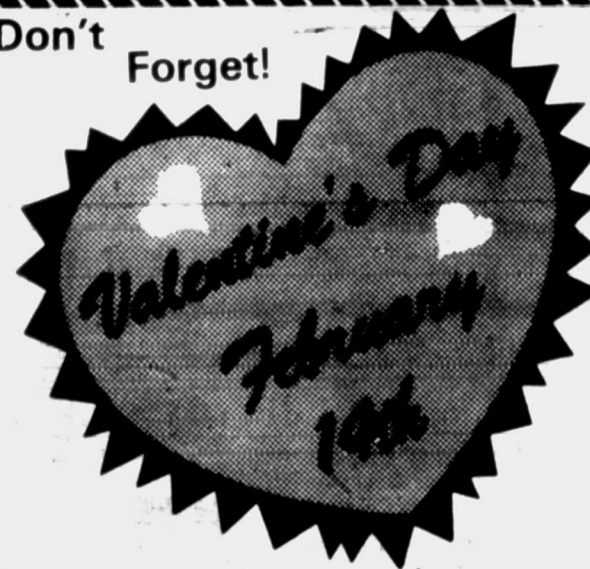
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